

17. (Amended) A computer comprising reminder-generation software, the reminder-generation software comprising instructions for:

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receiving user input at least partially determinative of a recording reminder time for a scheduled **automatic** data recording; and
outputting a reminder signal at the recording reminder time **before initiation of automatic activity to perform the scheduled automatic data recording.**

21. (Twice Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising instructions for:

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scheduling a read-write data storage device to **automatically** record data; and
receiving user input at least partially determinative of a recording reminder time; and
outputting a recording reminder signal at the recording reminder time **before the read-write data storage initiates automatic recording of the data.**

24. (Amended) A method of operating a computerized system having a recording device for **automatically** recording data during two or more scheduled recordings, the method comprising:

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receiving two or more user remind-time inputs, with each user input associated with at least one of the scheduled recordings and with at least two of the user remind-time inputs differing from each other; and
defining two or more recording reminder times, with each of the recording reminder times associated with at least one of the scheduled recordings and based at least partially on the associated user remind-time input **and with each of the recording reminder times being earlier than a respective time for initiation of automatic execution of its associated scheduled recording.**

25. (Amended) A method of operating a computerized system having a recording device for recording data during two or more scheduled recordings, the method comprising:

receiving two or more user remind-time intervals, with each user input associated with at least one of the scheduled recordings and with at least two of the user remind-time intervals differing from each other;

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defining two or more recording reminder times, with each of the recording reminder times associated with at least one of the scheduled recordings and based at least partially on the associated user remind-time intervals; and outputting a recording reminder signal as a message to a network communications device at a time based on at least one of the recording reminder times **before the recording device initiates automatic execution of its associated scheduled recording.**

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